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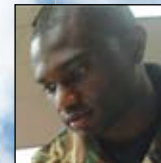
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## From Tucson to Baghdad

*Arizona Air National Guard Security Forces troops load their deployment gear on a KC-135 tanker at Tucson International Airport Sunday. The 19 Airmen assigned to the 162nd Fighter Wing hitched a ride with the 171st Air Refueling Wing on their way to Baghdad International Airport, Iraq, for a voluntary six-month tour of duty. The Guardsmen, who provide full-time security for the 162nd Fighter Wing at Tucson International Airport, will use their training and expertise to secure Iraq's largest airport. The Airmen are scheduled to return to Tucson in early September.*





# Air Force is 'Above All'

**By Staff Sgt. J.G. Buzanowski**  
*Secretary of the Air Force Public Affairs*

**WASHINGTON (AFPN)** — The Air Force has a new advertising campaign to recruit the next generation of Airmen as well as better inform people about the Air Force mission:

"Above All."

"The new slogan is admittedly a bold one," said Col. Michael Caldwell, deputy director of Air Force public affairs, "but so are Airmen." This campaign accurately portrays Airmen and how they're executing the Air Force mission to ensure the security and safety of America now and in the future.

"Above All' is about what we do and how we do it," Colonel Caldwell said. "The job of the Air Force is to defend America and we do that by dominating air, space and cyberspace. The new campaign and slogan captures our roots, but also illustrates where we're going as a service as the Air Force prepares to contend with future threats."

The purpose of the campaign is to create a dialogue with potential recruits, their parents and those most likely to influence young people

to join the military about the critical role the Air Force plays in defending America's future, Colonel Caldwell said.

The "Above All" campaign kicks off this month and will be prominent on television, in print and, of course, in cyberspace. In addition to being shown at several sporting events, "Above All" ads will be seen in magazines and during commercial breaks on many top-rated commercial and television news and entertainment programs, the colonel said.

The campaign will feature real Airmen performing their missions, like Staff Sgt. Lee Jones from Barksdale Air Force Base, La. He's featured prominently in the campaign as a warrior on the front lines of the Air Force's newest warfighting domain, cyberspace.

"I'm excited to be a part of this and to represent the Air Force this way," said Sergeant Jones, a computer systems operator and cyberwarrior. "Above All' is a great slogan because it says how we shine in what we do to defend our nation and accomplish our mission."

The Above All slogan was chosen over several other phrases as the best description of the Air

Force mission, Colonel Caldwell said.

"From all the research we did about how people feel about the Air Force - including civilians, Airmen and representatives from other services - this was the phrase that stood out the most," he said. "This campaign captures the professionalism of our Airmen, our technological edge and our ability to meet today's threats while at the same time prepare for future challenges."

"When anyone in our Air Force family sees an 'Above All' ad, we hope it reminds them that their role is important to America," Colonel Caldwell said. "This campaign makes it clear the Air Force's mission 'Above All' is national defense and protecting the American people."



***Air Force officials have launched a new ad campaign to accurately portray Airmen and how they're executing the Air Force mission to ensure the security and safety of America now and in the future.***





# Desert Lightning community member publishes first novel



Courtesy photo

Retired Air Force major and new author, Joe Porrazzo signs a customer's copy of his first novel, *Solemnly Swear*. Mr. Porrazzo is donating a portion of his book sales to Davis-Monthan's Airman's Attic.

**Story by Kristi LaBonte**  
**Desert Lightning News**  
**Photojournalist**

A Desert Lightning team member, retired Air Force Maj. Joe Porrazzo, now a civilian with 12th Air Force and Air Forces Southern at Davis-Monthan, furthered his education through his career with the Air Force and is now a published novelist.

"Albeit a mystery thriller, *Solemnly Swear* is my first novel and it was inspired by my time teaching Air Force Reserve Officer Training Corps at the University of New Hampshire, and while assigned to AFROTC headquarters in the 2001 to 2003 time frame," Mr. Porrazzo said.

"After enlisting in the Air Force in 1981, I was lucky enough to have the support of my supervisors to attend classes off-duty," he said. "My commitment to earn a degree never negatively impacted my career. In fact, higher education helped every step of the way in my daily job performance, and earning promotions and awards."

"The first thing I learned as a new Airman was that I didn't have to choose between my job, my family and my education," Mr. Porrazzo said. "The military was always a great way

of life for me because I needed the structure and discipline it offered."

Although it was a slow process, with Mr. Porrazzo moving from base to base every three or four years, he was able to complete his Community College of the Air Force associate's degree and bachelor's degree in business by 1989.

He spent the next two years at Strategic Air Command Headquarters, starting a master's program in 1990. After being promoted to technical sergeant and earning his master's degree, he was selected for Officer Training School in May of 1992 and upon graduation, he was commissioned.

"It was the busiest time of my life, but I could never have done it all without the daily love and support of my wife, Diane, and three kids, Joey, Alex and Maria," Mr. Porrazzo said. "I will also never forget the support I received from co-workers and my leadership."

"During all of the academics, I always made time for family and other interests such as reading, running, squadron softball, golf and flag football," he explained.

A student who enjoyed and excelled in the business, organizational behavior and human relations classes,

Mr. Porrazzo went on to teach a lot of them, off duty, at both undergraduate and graduate levels at colleges and universities on and off base.

"I enjoyed the classroom so much, and still do, that I volunteered for a career-broadening assignment as a captain to teach Aerospace Science in Air Force ROTC at the University of New Hampshire in 1999," he said.

"Teaching AFROTC at UNH was one of the best assignments I ever had and I would highly recommend it to any officer or non-commissioned officer who enjoys molding young students and cadets into professional officers," he said. "I still get cards and e-mails from former cadets from UNH and field training because the experience brings people together. But let there be no doubt, I learned as much from my cadets as they learned from me."

The plot for *Solemnly Swear* was inspired by Mr. Porrazzo's time at UNH; however it was when the Air Force assigned him to the AFROTC headquarters that the novel finally came together.

"The protagonist is a retired Air Force colonel and former OSI agent who gets tangled up with the Mafia," he explained. "The story includes courtroom drama and fast-paced excitement involving ROTC cadets and other military personnel."

"Without giving anything away, my ROTC time helped with the suspenseful twists and turns that come together and are rather unique and believable, whether you have military experience or not," he said.

In 2003, after being promoted to major at the unit, Mr. Porrazzo and his family came to D-M, where he retired in 2005, after 25 years of military service. He now enjoys being a Department of the Air Force civilian, working at 12th Air Force as the deputy director of manpower, personnel and services.

"One of best things about active duty in the Air Force is the friends and mentors you maintain for life," he said. "I get the next best thing by being able to stay with 12th Air Force and help out during an im-

portant time in their history, as we transition to Air Forces Southern."

As the A1 deputy director at Air Forces Southern's headquarters, Mr. Porrazzo has daily insight into how military manpower is distributed around Central, South America and the Caribbean. The director speaks highly of his second in charge.

"Mr. Porrazzo has impressed me from day one. If he was a character in a novel — he'd be the hero," said Col. Paul Wuebold, the director of Manpower, Personnel and Services for 12th Air Force and Air Forces Southern. "Joe is a strategic, operational and tactical expert during tough decision meetings — we're thrilled that his dream of becoming a published author has come true."

"He's worked tirelessly to achieve this moment . . . all of his coworkers are looking forward to getting their own copies of his book signed," the colonel said.

Throughout his career in the Air force, Mr. Porrazzo has inspired Airmen to "use their service time and benefits wisely. Don't stop learning and asking questions, and don't lose your resolve for higher education. Not only will your hard work and sacrifice benefit daily, while you serve, but the payoff after you separate or retire never stops."

"Especially in today's high deployment and operational tempo, I have a great respect for those that serve their country," he continued. "But I have a greater respect and admiration for those that manage to serve and respect their loved ones and themselves at the same time. And while you're at it if one of your life's goals is to run a marathon, write a book or build someone a house . . . just do it."

Mr. Porrazzo said he has had fun with his writing and most people who have read his first novel have asked him when the second one is coming. Although he didn't intend on it, he is now hard at work on his second book, which he feels Arizonans can relate to, as it takes place here in Tucson.

For more information on Joe Porrazzo, or his book *Solemnly Swear*, visit <http://www.joeporrazzo.com/index.htm>.

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# Airmen donate blood, help depleting supply

By Senior Airman Jacqueline Hawkins  
355th Fighter Wing Public Affairs

More than 90 Airmen and members from the Desert Lightning community supported the American Red Cross in replenishing its depleting blood supply at the Hope Chapel here Feb. 20.

Twelve volunteers from the D-M community volunteered their time to help make the event a success.

"A lot of people need the blood so I thought it was the right thing to do to help someone else out," said Airman Brady Polec, a member of the 355th Equipment Maintenance Squadron and a blood donor.

For a single blood donation, one unit, which equates to one pint of blood, is taken from each person. During this blood drive the American Red Cross received 92 units of blood.

"The estimate is three lives are saved per productive unit. However, surgeries and trauma cases vary, and depending on complications, more blood could be required," said Master Sgt. Frances Bracks-Miller, 355th Medical Group first sergeant and base blood drive coordinator.

Currently, trauma cases throughout Tucson have created a serious blood supply shortage.

Blood drives are held every two months (February, April, June, August, October and December) at the Hope Chapel Annex from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Blood donors must wait 60 days between donations.

"For every productive pint donated, a life is possibly saved," added Sergeant Bracks-Miller. "Many people have benefited from our D-M donors. There is no better gift than the gift of life. That is why I encourage people



Photo by Todd Berenger

Staff Sgt. Joel Braymen from the William Beaumont Medical Center in Fort Bliss, Texas, disinfects Tech. Sgt. Joan Ekeroma's arm before giving blood. Sergeant Ekeroma is from the 377th Medical Group and was donating blood for the Armed Services Blood Program blood drive held recently.

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# New Web-based assignment application debuts Monday

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Starting March 3, all active-duty enlisted members and officers (lieutenant colonel and below) who are slated to serve an unaccompanied tour of 15 months or less will have the ability to submit Web-based applications from any location worldwide, 24/7.

The new self-service application process is part of the Air Force's ongoing commitment to Personnel Services Delivery Transformation.

"This change will help streamline the application process by eliminating paperwork and unnecessary trips to the military personnel element," said Letty Inabinet, chief of the assignment programs and procedures branch at the Air Force Personnel Center

here. "Starting March 3, an Airman will be able to fill out the application online, and if eligible, the system will validate it on the spot and send it to AFPC for consideration."

Even though the HB/FO assignment program will be Web-based, the benefits remain the same.

"The program continues to be a win-win for the Air Force," Ms. Inabinet said. "It helps reduce stress among our Airmen who don't know where their next duty station will be after they serve the unaccompanied tour, and it provides stability for our Air Force families."

Home-basing assignments offer Airmen an assignment back to the same continental U.S. location, or long-tour location in Alaska or Hawaii, from where they left. Follow-on assignments offer Airmen assignment consideration to a preferred Continental U.S. lo-

cation or the overseas long-tour location of their choice. Airmen can choose up to eight CONUS locations and up to eight overseas choices.

For convenience and accessibility, the application will be made available Monday at the Virtual Military Personnel Flight Web site at <https://ww3.afpc.randolph.af.mil/vmpf/Hub/Pages/Hub.asp>. The program's guidelines are outlined in Air Force Instruction 36-2110; applicants are encouraged to thoroughly read the sections on entitlements and restrictions before submitting their application.

For more information about the program, visit AFPC's "Ask" Web site at <http://ask.afpc.randolph.af.mil> and search for "Follow On."

The 24-hour Air Force Contact Center is also available to answer questions at 1-800-616-3775 or DSN 665-5000.



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# D-M members attend AAHC luncheon



**By Senior Airman  
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Public Affairs**

Members of the D-M community attended the African-American Heritage luncheon at the Mountain View Conference

Center Feb. 20 in recognition of African-American History Month.

The national theme for the 2008 African-American History Month is "Dr. Carter G. Woodson and the Origins of Multiculturalism," in honor of Dr. Woodson's contributions to the

African-American community.

He first launched "Negro History Week" in February 1926 and that expanded to a month-long celebration when the first African-American History Month was held in 1976.

The luncheon began with opening comments from Col. Kent Laughbaum, 355th Fighter Wing commander.

"This is an important day," he said. "It is important that we know from where we come, and that we understand our heritage. For us, as those who are charged to fight and win our nation's wars, it gives us strength, courage and wisdom to win those wars."

More than 150 Airmen of all ranks attended the luncheon.

One Airman in attendance, Airman 1st Class Rogerick Gordon, said that he went to the luncheon to learn more about African-American Heritage Month.

"I attended the African-American luncheon because I was interested

in discovering what type of program would be hosted, and I must say I wasn't the least bit surprised that it was a phenomenal event," he said.

After lunch, a slide show presentation was shown, singing and an educational skit were performed, followed by closing remarks from 1st Lt. Tammie Ellerbe, African-American Heritage Association president.

"The key to a successful future is knowing our past — and not just our African-American history, but also our American history," she said.

This event, along with other events held throughout the month of February, was sponsored by the African-American Heritage Committee.

"I would like to thank Davis-Monthan Air Force Base's African-American Heritage Committee," said Lieutenant Ellerbe. "Without their hard work and tenacity, today's event wouldn't have been successful."



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# D-M Airmen judge child abuse posters

**By Senior Airman Jacqueline Hawkins**  
*355th Fighter Wing Public Affairs*

Children from two fifth grade classes at Borman Elementary School at Davis-Monthan designed posters of what child abuse prevention means to them, and Airmen judged and picked their favorite.

The winning poster, designed by Celeste Vasquez, displayed the slogan "Even though we're a big world, we should all come together and take a stand. Kids shouldn't be afraid to go home." As the winner of the contest, her poster will be used for the fifth annual Child Abuse Prevention Month ad campaign and will be displayed in various places around the base.

April is Child Abuse Prevention month and consists of the Blue Ribbon Campaign, which encourages everyone to wear blue ribbon pins to raise awareness about child abuse. Speakers will be invited to the base to educate about child abuse prevention.

"All child abuse is preventable," said Marley Smith, Family Advocacy Outreach manager. "Davis-Monthan has a wealth of services for families dealing with stressful day-to-day issues."



*The winning poster, made by Celeste Vasquez, from the Child Abuse prevention contest.*

Airmen from D-M, including Col. Kent Laughbaum, 355th Fighter Wing commander, volunteered at the poster contest.

"This is a wonderful program for the preven-

tion of child abuse," he said. "I appreciate all of the volunteers at Davis-Monthan, who work to prevent child abuse and the students at Borman who participated in the poster contest."



*Celeste Vasquez, winner of the Child Abuse prevention poster contest, poses for a photo with all of the participating fifth-graders at Borman Elementary School, the Airmen who helped judge the contest and Col. Kent Laughbaum, 355th Fighter Wing commander.*



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# Mission Spotlights

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## 355<sup>th</sup> Fighter Wing Inspector General

### Mission

The Inspector General is responsible to the commander, 355th Fighter Wing, for the quality, credibility, and effectiveness of the inquiries, complaints, and Fraud, Waste and Abuse programs at Davis-Monthan. At the direction of the commander, the IG office investigates complaint allegations and makes recommendations for resolution. It coordinates with higher headquarters IG offices, Secretary of the Air Force/Legislative Liaison, and Air Combat Command staff directorates to respond to high-level inquiries. It manages, monitors and reports on the actions of audit, inspection and investigation regarding Defense Hotline disclosures, and acts as the wing liaison for all Congressional inquiries.

*“I’m extremely proud of the role the IG plays in preserving the rights of our Air Force community. We all must be held accountable for our actions and abide by the same set of rules and regulations. A quick, responsive system to investigate, and then correct violations, is vital to maintaining the morale and effectiveness of our wing.”*

— Lt. Col. Paul J. Burrell  
355th Fighter Wing Inspector General



Steve Nolan (standing) reviews a complaint with the 355th Fighter Wing Inspector General, Lt. Col. Paul Burrell, Feb. 25.

### Members

The Inspector General’s office consists of one military and one civilian member: Lt. Col. Paul Burrell, inspector general, and Steve Nolan, deputy inspector general.

### Vision Statement

To sustain a credible Air Force Inspector General system by ensuring the existence of responsive complaint investigations and Fraud, Waste and Abuse programs characterized by objectivity, integrity and impartiality.



The 355th Fighter Wing Deputy Inspector General Steve Nolan sorts through files, while performing case maintenance at D-M Feb. 25.



# 355<sup>th</sup> Fighter Wing Equal Opportunity

*‘Enhancing the mission through education and awareness’*

*“Equal Opportunity is a readiness issue. It should be the goal of every Airmen, whether military or civilian, to practice and foster equality within their respective environment. Equal opportunity is an integral part of maintaining a combat-ready force. I am proud to be part of an Air Force and the EO mission that promotes equal opportunity and harmony amongst all members. I am proud to serve with the finest EO personnel in the world.”*

— Barbara Dycus

355th Fighter Wing Equal Opportunity director

## Mission

The 355th Fighter Wing Equal Opportunity office is committed to providing superior support to senior leadership, unit leadership, unit commanders, tenant organizations and the D-M community by enhancing unit cohesion for maximum mission effectiveness in areas concerning equal opportunity and human relations.

## Recent Accomplishments/Awards

- 2007 Air Combat Command Outstanding Equal Opportunity Office of the Year
- 2007 Air Combat Command Mission Support Senior NCO of the Year



Tech. Sgt. Regina Harris, 355th Fighter Wing Equal Opportunity Office NCO in charge, gives a briefing on human relations.



Barbara Dycus, 355th Fighter Wing Equal Opportunity director, retrieves information for a complainant at Davis-Monthan Feb. 21.

## Vision Statement

The 355th Equal Opportunity office supports mission readiness by ensuring individuals are provided equal opportunity to fully use their abilities and talents toward mission accomplishment and enhance morale through the fair and just treatment of all personnel. We endeavor to ensure harmonious relations among Air Force people by promoting open communication, cross-cultural awareness, understanding and respect.



# Retiree & Veteran NEWS

FOR RETIREES, VETERANS AND THEIR FAMILIES

## Service warns of e-mail, telephone scams using the IRS name

**WASHINGTON (AFRNS)** — The Internal Revenue Service is warning taxpayers about several current e-mail and telephone scams using the IRS name as a lure. IRS officials expect such scams will continue through the tax-return filing season and beyond.

Officials caution taxpayers to be aware of scams involving proposed advance payment checks. Although the government has not yet enacted an economic stimulus package in which the IRS provides advance payments, known informally as rebates to many Americans, a scam using the proposed rebates as bait has started.

The goal of the scams is to trick people into revealing personal and financial information, such as Social Security, bank account or credit card numbers, which the scammers can use to commit identity theft.

Typically, identity thieves use a victim's personal and financial data to empty financial accounts; use existing credit cards; apply for new loans, credit cards, services or benefits in the victim's name; or file fraudulent tax returns. Most of these fraudulent activities can be committed electronically from a remote location, including overseas. Committing these activities in cyberspace allows "scamsters" to act quickly and cover their tracks

before the victim becomes aware of the theft.

People whose identities have been stolen can spend months or years — and money — cleaning up the mess thieves have made of their reputations and credit records. In the meantime, victims may lose job opportunities, may be refused loans, education, housing or cars, or even get arrested for crimes they did not commit.

Some examples of scams are listed below.

### Rebate Phone Call

*Scam: Consumers receive a phone call from someone identifying himself as an IRS employee. The caller tells the targeted victim that he or she is eligible for a sizable rebate for filing his or her taxes early.*

**Fact:** The IRS does not gather the information by telephone.

### Refund e-mail

*Scam: The IRS has seen several variations of a refund-related bogus e-mail, which falsely claims to come from the IRS, telling the recipient that he or she is eligible for a tax refund for a specific amount. The e-mail instructs the recipient to click on a link in the e-mail to access a refund claim form.*

**Fact:** The IRS does not send unsolicited e-mail about

tax account matters to individuals or businesses.

### Audit e-mail

*Scam: An e-mail notifies a recipient that his or her tax return will be audited. It may contain a salutation in the body addressed to the specific recipient by name.*

**Fact:** The IRS does not send unsolicited, tax-account related e-mails to taxpayers.

### Paper Check Phone Call

*Scam: In a current telephone scam, a caller claims to be an IRS employee who is calling because the IRS sent a check to the individual being called. The caller states that because the check has not been cashed, the IRS wants to verify the individual's bank account number.*

**Fact:** The IRS does not contact taxpayers to verify bank information.

The only official IRS Web site is located at <http://www.irs.gov>. Anyone wishing to access the IRS Web site should initiate contact by typing the IRS.gov address into their Internet address window, rather than clicking on a link in an e-mail or opening an attachment.

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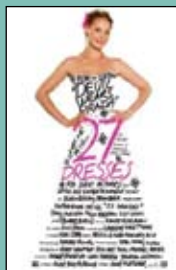
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# Davis-Monthan worship schedule and events

### Catholic

- Saturday Mass at 5 p.m. at the Desert Dove Chapel.
- Sunday Mass at 9:45 a.m. at the Desert Dove Chapel.
- Monday through Friday — 11:30 a.m. at the Desert Dove Chapel

### Protestant

- Traditional service is Sunday at 8 a.m. at the Hope Chapel.
- Desert Lightning Fellowship (Contemporary Service) is Sunday at 9:45 a.m. at the Hope Chapel.
- Inspirational Gospel Service is

Sunday at 11:30 a.m. at the Hope Chapel.  
• Children's church will be held for young children (at parents' discretion) during each worship service.

### Dorm Worship Service

- CBNR (Church But Not Really) – This worship service meets in the Ground Floor day room, Dorm 3500, Sundays at 6:30 p.m. Come by at 5:30 p.m. for a home-cooked meal.

### Lunch-time Bible study

Everyone is invited to a lunch-time Bible study held Tuesdays from 11 a.m. to

noon, located in the 355th Aircraft Maintenance Squadron Conference Room, Bldg. 4810.

### PWOC Bible study

The Protestant Women of the Chapel join for music, fellowship and Bible study every Tuesday from 9:30 to 11:45 a.m. at the Desert Dove Annex. Children's ministry is provided.

### Protestant Youth of the Chapel

A new group is being formed for teens in the seventh through 12th grades. The group will meet weekly on Sundays at the Youth Center from 4 to 5:30 p.m.

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# Air Force leaders discuss future challenges

**By Staff Sgt. Monique Randolph**  
*Secretary of the Air Force Public Affairs*

**ORLANDO, Fla. (AFPN)** — Air Force major command commanders spoke to Airmen, Air Force Association members and other attendees about the challenges facing their organizations during the AFA's 24th annual Air Warfare Symposium and Technology Exposition held in Orlando, Fla., Feb. 21 and 22.

Driving home the urgent need to recapitalize the Air Force's aging fleet of aircraft and space systems, commanders outlined the effects that operating decades-old equipment has had on the ability of their commands' Airmen to perform their various missions.

"We are part of a team that supports federal agencies to make sure your families are protected," said Gen. Victor E. Renuart Jr., commander of North American Aerospace Defense Command and U.S. Northern Command at Peterson Air Force Base, Colo. "Some countries are developing and moving rapidly toward a fifth-generation capability, whether it's surface-to-air defense or air-to-air capability in their fighters. Do we know if they will be enemies or friends? The future is uncertain. But can we afford to lag behind them and wait and see? I think not."

The terrorist threats we see today are the same threats we will see for some time in the future," he continued. "If we don't anticipate where the next threat may come from, and if we don't begin to pull together air and space power and cyber capability, we're not doing our job to protect the American people."

Gen. Carrol H. "Howie" Chandler, commander of Pacific Air Forces at Hickam Air Force Base, Hawaii, briefed the audience about organizational changes within PACAF. Among those changes are the creation of the 36th Contin-

gency Response Group at Andersen Air Force Base, Guam, a group of assets organized under a single commander that can rapidly deploy anywhere theater-wide to set up an airfield. Also, plans continue to beddown the Global Hawk unmanned aerial vehicle at Andersen beginning in 2009.

General Chandler also spoke about the need to modernize the tanker fleet at Hickam which ranges in age from 44 to 51 years old. These tankers provide the air bridge necessary to move cargo and fighter assets throughout the Pacific.

"I know I'm preaching to the choir, but I'll say again as I've said before, it's time to modernize the fleet. And in sufficient numbers to do it as quickly as possible," he said.

Aircraft aren't the only Air Force assets in urgent need of recapitalization. U.S. Space Command is also challenged with using aging space systems to provide essential capabilities for the Air Force.

Would-be adversaries know how the U.S. uses space in its warfighting capabilities, and understand how challenging the Air Force on that front can provide a way to contend with American air power, said Gen. C. Robert Kehler, commander of Air Force Space Command at Peterson Air Force Base.

General Kehler cited jamming attempts of American global positioning systems by foreign governments, and the use of an anti-satellite weapon by the Chinese last year as examples of developing threats for which the U.S. must be prepared.

"Space power has helped shape the American approach to warfare; it gives our warfighters a precise advantage," General Kehler said. "Without space, military operations would be far less precise, focused, timely, coordinated and efficient, and far more costly."

While the Air Force has made and is making strides to develop new systems and extend the life

of existing systems, there is still a need for a new way of developing and deploying space capabilities, the general said.

Gen. Kevin P. Chilton, commander of U.S. Strategic Command at Offutt Air Force Base, Neb., spoke of the need to reenergize the Air Force's nuclear capabilities. With nearly all the Airmen with experience in nuclear programs retired, and a waning focus on the nuclear mission since the end of the Cold War, nuclear capability is rapidly deteriorating.

"Today and in the future, we need a credible nuclear deterrent in the U.S.," General Chilton said. "We also need people with the expertise to build, maintain and use them in a deterrent scenario. We need infrastructure to support that weapons system. And the warfighters need the tools to do the assigned missions; the weapons and delivery systems to pose a credible deterrent for our adversaries."

Rounding out the conference, Generals John D.W. Corley, Arthur W. Lichte, Bruce Carlson and William R. Looney spoke to conference attendees on the second day.

General Corley, commander of Air Combat Command, spoke about the importance of maintaining air dominance and learning from previous conflicts and wars.

"Our ability to provide global vigilance, reach and power is predicated on the continued ability to own the skies," he said. "Our ability to achieve air dominance depends on overmatch in both capability and capacity. We must possess and maintain overmatch, and today that's becoming increasingly at risk."

Over the years, rivals have come to challenge the Air Force's capabilities, General Corley said. Decades-old fighters are overmatched by newer operational fighters being exploited by potential adversaries.

General Lichte echoed those concerns for Air Mobility Command aircraft.

"The size of the fleet and force are decreasing, but airlift requirements continue an upward trend," said the AMC commander.

The general compared the current operations tempo to that of the Berlin Airlift, the largest humanitarian airlift effort in Air Force history. During the Berlin Airlift, aircraft in Berlin were taking off and landing every 90 seconds. Today, aircraft around the Air Force are conducting operations at a similar pace; every 82 seconds an AMC aircraft is taking off or landing somewhere in the world, General Lichte said.

"Since we started the Global War on Terror, our manpower has gone down some six percent, and we're doing this with some tired aircraft as well," he said. "The mobility air forces have just short of 500 KC-135s, and we operate the oldest heavy airframes in the U.S. (compared to civilian industry). We should be thinking about moving these aircraft through our fleet at a much quicker pace so we can gain efficiencies."

General Looney, commander of Air Education and Training Command, wrapped up the symposium with a speech on the state of Air Force education and training. He pointed out that AETC is meeting recruiting goals while maintaining high standards, and discussed improvements in training and educational programs.

Air Force officials are working toward offering scholarships for Reserve Officer Training Corps cadets interested in entering medical career fields. They are also extending combat skills training for basic trainees beginning in October, and expanding survival evasion resistance escape training to more career fields.

Additionally, in fiscal 2010, Common Battlefield Airman Training will be available for Airmen in certain career fields that require additional combat skills training for operations outside the wire at deployed locations.



## D-M News Notes

### MPOY Banquet

The location for the Maintenance Professional of the Year Banquet has been changed to the Phase Hanger, 3280 S. First St. in Building 1440, at 5:30 p.m. March 16. The ceremony begins at 6 p.m. For more information, call Master Sgt. Cunningham at 228-1489.

### Retired Officers' Spouses Club

The Tucson Retired Officers' Spouses Club will hold its monthly luncheon Thursday at the Lodge on the Desert, 306 N. Alvernon Way. Social hour begins at 11 a.m., with lunch served at noon.

The price of the luncheon is \$20. Reservations and entrée choice are due by noon Monday, by calling Dorothy Montgomery

at 296-6567, Jayn Underwood at 881-4828 or Virginia Gearhart at 290-8286.

Any spouse or widow of a retired military officer is invited to join the Tucson ROSC. There are no membership dues.

For more information, call Chairperson Rita Dennis at 577-1741.

### Military Family Scholarship

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For more information, call Dorian Busby at 748-8266. The deadline to apply is Monday.

### Munitions storage area closure

The munitions storage area will be

closed for a semi-annual inventory March 8 through 21. Only emergency issue requests will be processed.

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### Lunch-time Bible study

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The ONLY Classified ads that are available as free ads to above listed personnel are:

- Pets - Free To Good Home
- Roommate Wanted
- Lost & Found
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- Furniture & Appliances
- Misc. For Sale
- Garage & Yard Sales
- Motorcycles
- Misc. Wanted

All other categories are paid.  
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• Lost & Found	• Motorcycles
• Cars & Trucks (Except RV's)	• Misc. Wanted
• Furniture & Appliances	• Roommate Wanted
• Misc. For Sale	• Rooms For Rent

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